

## Panelist Human Trafficking

**Tuyet Duong** is a staff attorney for the local Houston office of Boat People SOS, a nationwide nonprofit organization which assists Vietnamese refugees and immigrants. She coordinates the BPSOS Victims of Exploitation and Trafficking Assistance program, which provides services to trafficked persons in the Houston community. Ms. Duong also provides legal assistance to Vietnamese prison camp survivors through the Victims of Torture Assistance program. She outreaches to the Vietnamese community on human trafficking and legal issues. Ms. Duong received a Bachelor's Degree in English in 2001 from the University of Texas at Austin, and graduated as a Liberal Arts College Dean's Distinguished Graduate. In 2004, she received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law. Ms. Duong serves on the Board of Advisors for the Vietnamese Studies Organization. She is also a senior associate of the Tomorrow Vietnamese Forum. Tuyet has resided in Houston for 10 years

**Carmel Pino** is a Victim Specialist (VS) in the FBI, Houston Division, Houston, Texas. As VS, Ms. Pino has specialized training and experience in providing direct services to victims. Ms. Pino informs victims of their rights, tells them where to go for help, and assists with important case events. Ms. Pino relieves Special Agents of time-consuming contact with victims and their families and when special problems or issues arise. The assistance provided by Ms. Pino allows the Special Agents to devote more time to the investigation for a successful conclusion of their investigative case. Ms. Pino has extensive knowledge in the Human Trafficking field. Ms. Pino gets involved in the investigative process of human trafficking as well as victim assistance. Ms. Pino is a certified instructor for the FBI and is considered the subject matter expert regarding victim assistance in the Houston Division. Ms. Pino conducts extensive trainings for all Special Agents in the Division plus occasionally provides trainings to financial institutions and schools.

Prior to working as a VS full time, Ms. Pino was an Asset Investigator for the FBI for 15 yrs. This entailed research and analysis of case files, financial reports, and seized records to prepare analytical charts, reports, and net-worth of defendants' expenditures to determine the illegal gains for final evaluation for seizure of assets.

Carmel Pino received her Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Corrections from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She is attending Liberty University at this time working on her Master of Arts in Professional Counseling. She is certified by the Attorney General of Texas as a Crisis Responder for the State of Texas. She is also a member of the Bank Robbery Response Team for the Houston Division.

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